


EXECUTIVE *Committee* MEETING

March 26, 2026



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AGENDA

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1. Welcome.....Commissioner, Russell Schneider, President
2. Call to Order.....Commissioner, Russell Schneider, President
3. Oath of Office.....Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director
4. Opportunity for Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Minutes: February 2026
6. Expenditure Report: February 2026
7. A Resolution Approving Housing Assistance Program Changes to Administrative Plan Effective April 1, 2026
8. A Resolution Authorizing FY27 Central Texas Council of Governments Community Preparedness Project
9. A Resolution Authorizing FY26 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds – Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant Program

ACTION ITEM

10. **03-26-PRS001** a Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the Central Texas Region
11. **03-26-PRS004** a Resolution Authorizing Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Mass Notification System

REPORTS

12. Area Agency on Aging.....George Losoya, Director
13. Housing.....Hank Roraback, Director
14. Planning & Regional Services.....Uryan Nelson, Director
15. Workforce Development Board.....Linda Angel, WorkForce Board Executive Director
16. Workforce Center.....Louis LeDoux, WorkForce Center Chief Operating Officer
17. Executive Director's Report.....Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director, CTCOG

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:



MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2026

MEETING MINUTES:

The February 26 2026, Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by the Commissioner Russell Schneider, Bell County, President at 12:05 P.M.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Commissioner Russell Schneider	Bell County
1 st Vice President	City Manager Ryan Haverlah	City of Copperas Cove
2 nd Vice President	Judge Jody Fauley	San Saba County
Secretary/Treasurer	Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Bell County
Parliamentarian	Judge James Yates	Hamilton County
Immediate Past President	Councilman Jose Segarra	City of Killeen

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights	Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County	Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Dr. Michelle Carter, Central Texas College	Mayor Riakos Adams, City Of Killeen*	Major Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron
Commissioner Kyle Matthews, Coryell County	Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County	City Manager Ricky Tow, City of Cameron
Judge David Blackburn, Bell County	City Manager Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville	

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	Hank Roraback, CTCOG
Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG	Dr. Linda Angel, WFCT	Jesse Hennage, CTCOG
Kylee Young, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, WFCT	Dr. Arnold Vedlitz, TAMU
Alissa Bright, CTCOG	Jared Porritt, WFCT	
Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG	Anita Janke, CTCOG	
Cyndy Wells, CTCOG	Ashlynn Uschek, CTCOG	

Oath of Office

No Oath of Office was administered.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Judge James Yates, Hamilton County, to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the January 2026 Expenditure Report, January 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes, and Approval of Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group Bylaws. Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Presentation

Dr. Arnold Vedlitz of Texas A&M University presented to the Board regarding the GLO Flood Reduction Project, a GLO-funded initiative aimed at reducing flood risk and damage within the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek watersheds. The presentation outlined a comprehensive approach that integrates engineering, policy, and community-based strategies to strengthen regional flood resilience. Findings from stakeholder interviews indicated that while local governments recognize existing flood vulnerabilities, many particularly smaller counties, face limitations related to staffing, funding, and infrastructure. Federal funding processes were noted as complex and largely reimbursement-based, creating challenges for proactive mitigation efforts. Recommended actions include streamlining access to funding, increasing consistent state-level support, enhancing cross-jurisdictional coordination, and investing in

modern technology and early warning systems. Input and recommendations provided by the Board will be incorporated into the project proposal moving forward.

Action Items

- A motion was made by Mayor Adams Riakos, City of Killeen, to approve Resolution 02-26-PRS001, which sought to Resolution Authorizing Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for CTCOG Regional Solid Waste Grant Program. Kieth Slead, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County, to approve Resolution 02-26-PRS002, which sought to Resolution Authorizing FY27 Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Emergency Radio Infrastructure Project. City Manager Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Judge James Yates, Hamilton County, to approve Resolution 02-26-PRS003, which sought to Resolution Authorizing FY27 Central Texas Council of Governments State Homeland Security Program Planning Grant. Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by City Manager Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville, to approve Resolution 02-26-PRS004, which sought to Resolution Authorizing FY27 Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Emergency Notification System. Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Major Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron, to approve Resolution 02-26-PRS005, which sought to Resolution Authorizing FY27 Central Texas Council of Governments Physical Protection Project. Mayor Riakos, City of Killeen, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Reports

Area Agency on Aging: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), provided the Area Agency on Aging/ADVRC update in place of George Losoya, who was out due to a family emergency. The FY25 closeout has been completed, and implementation of the new client management system is underway. A State Ombudsman audit was conducted on February 10, 2026. The 2026–2029 Senior Survey remains outstanding. The

Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) grant closed on December 31, 2026, and 25 active veterans were transitioned to Aging Transportation funding to ensure continued services. Under the Home for Texas Heroes program, 11 applications are pending approval, four have been approved for repair, and four projects have been completed. Upcoming events include the Alzheimer's Expo on March 4 in Belton, the Parkinson's Symposium on March 28 in Belton, the Connect the Dots – Community Health Summit on April 9 in Belton, and the DEA National Take Back Event for expired medications on April 25 in Gatesville.

Housing: Hank Roraback, Director of Housing, provided an update to the Board regarding current Housing activities and program operations. Staff are in the process of updating the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, which was last revised in 2019. Efforts are underway to clear approximately 700 remaining applicants from the waiting list by March in preparation for reopening the list. A staff retreat was held in January, providing an opportunity for team building, collaboration, and strategic planning. Each housing case manager currently oversees approximately 200–300 clients, and plans are being developed to expand staffing levels to improve service delivery and better manage caseloads. In February 2026, a total of 1,608 clients were served, with no current clients in Hamilton, Mills, or San Saba Counties; outreach efforts are planned to expand participation in those counties. Total housing assistance payments for February amounted to \$1,712,302. Mr. Roraback also reviewed several key provisions of the Administrative Plan, including Item 4 (Documentation Requirements), which requires the same documentation for all applicants without exception; Item 11 (Maintenance Responsibility), clarifying that CTCOG does not perform unit maintenance or repairs; Item 21 (Behavior Standards), outlining a warning system for inappropriate or threatening behavior that may result in program removal; and Item 22 (Appointment Conduct), emphasizing that disruptive behavior may lead to denial or termination of assistance, with a focus on ensuring staff safety.

Planning and Regional Services: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), provided the Planning and Regional Services update in place of Uryan Nelson, who was in Saint Petersburg, Florida, for a meeting. The next HSAC meeting is scheduled for March 5 in Coryell County. The Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant has been awarded. The Criminal Justice Department is developing a policy for the grant prioritization process, with the next meeting anticipated in April (date to be determined). Law enforcement training efforts continue, with five classes conducted in February, three scheduled in March, and two planned for April. A DDCT special meeting was held on January 29, during which a CEDS

committee was formed. Staff have also begun work on the Texas Regional Broadband Program in partnership with TARC and BDO to expand broadband access and opportunity. Additionally, the Belton Rockwool EDA Grant was awarded to support redevelopment of the former Rockwool Insulation site for future industrial use, and Rockdale ISD was awarded \$5.2 million through an EDA grant to construct a College and Career Academy.

Workforce Development Board: Dr. Linda Angel, Executive Director of CTWB, provided the Board with updates regarding current initiatives and upcoming events. CTWB is reorganizing staff, including front-line positions, to address increased customer demand and improve service delivery. The Texas Conference for Employers is scheduled for August 6–7 in Waco and is designed primarily for human resources professionals and individuals in roles involving personnel management, focusing on workforce regulations, best practices, and compliance. All 28 Executive Directors from Workforce locations across the state will convene in Central Texas on May 3–6 to learn about regional production industry needs and workforce training initiatives in Temple; the second day will include a visit to Fort Hood to highlight the value of military personnel and their skills, with the goal of retaining talent within Central Texas. The Know Your Path Expo will be held on May 1 and is seeking volunteers to showcase career paths to students exploring future opportunities. Additionally, a Teacher Expo is scheduled for July 17, providing employers an opportunity to engage with educators regarding workforce expectations and student preparation needs.

Workforce Solution Central Texas: Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, provided the Committee with an update on regional unemployment and workforce activity. Due to the recent government shutdown, February unemployment data was not updated; two reporting periods are expected to be presented at the March meeting. The statewide unemployment rate is currently 4.3%, consistent across the seven-county region. In January, five job fairs were conducted, with 22 job orders represented at hiring events, 180 total job openings posted, 938 job seekers in attendance, and 43 individuals reporting employment at the events. WFSCT recorded 27,401 total visits in January, serving 10,756 individuals. For 2025 to date, WFSCT has documented 308,012 total visit reasons and a grand total of 120,852 individuals served.

Executive Directors Report: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, provided an overview of Chapter 391 Commissions, as outlined in Chapter 391 of the Texas Local Government Code. The presentation explained that the 24 Councils of Governments (COGs) were originally established under Chapter 391 and are designated by the Governor as the official planning

regions covering 100% of the State of Texas. While statute allows for the creation of additional “sub-regional” 391 commissions by two or more counties or municipalities through formal action, such bodies must meet statutory requirements, have no taxing or regulatory authority, and serve in an advisory and planning capacity. Historically, sub-regional 391 commissions have been formed on an issue specific basis, such as transportation, high-speed rail, or energy projects, and are often reactionary rather than comprehensive regional planning entities. The presentation emphasized that COGs already fulfill the intended purpose of Chapter 391 at a full regional scale and are recognized by state and federal partners. The overall conclusion was that creating new sub-regional 391 commissions is unnecessary and may undermine coordinated regional solutions, and that strengthening existing COG structures remains the most effective approach.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 01:10 P.M. by Commissioner Russell Schneider, President.

Commissioner Russell Schneider, President

Commissioner Bobby Whitson,
Secretary/Treasurer

EXPENDITURE REPORT

February 2026

Expenditure Report
Fiscal Year: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026

Descriptions	February Expenditures	Cumulative	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget
Personnel	\$ 536,248	\$ 4,090,793	\$ 7,286,735	\$ 3,195,942
Employee Benefits	275,112	2,620,245	5,385,760	2,765,515
Contract services	709,675	8,478,468	9,748,189	1,269,721
Travel	14,169	130,873	313,681	182,808
Housing Assistance Payments	1,821,087	14,870,406	22,660,350	7,789,944
Other	1,444,385	20,387,218	27,178,634	6,791,416
In-kind	-	184,390	480,726	296,336
Indirect costs	130,300	1,120,870	1,855,744	734,874
Totals	<u>\$ 4,930,976</u>	<u>\$ 51,883,263</u>	<u>\$ 74,909,819</u>	<u>\$ 23,026,556</u>

Detail of Other Expenditures
Fiscal Year: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026

Descriptions	February Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
Participant Salaries	\$ 25,342	\$ 158,044
FICA Taxes	1,939	12,450
Workers Compensation	366	2,527
Building Expense	35,055	320,615
Consumable Supplies	48,713	97,110
Employee Development	4,208	70,456
Insurance and Bonding	1,335	14,451
Rent	104,061	811,732
Printing	11,907	44,291
Furniture/Equipment Rental	3,383	39,387
Maintenance and Repairs	174	17,180
Communications	9,951	120,678
Postage	3,941	45,098
Utilities	11,981	72,530
Public Relations	1,263	38,160
Dues and Subscriptions	22,672	75,665
Quality Assurance	23,436	845,822
Other Expenditures	(4,736)	46,414
Work Related Expense	20,497	206,516
Gasoline	228	2,359
Janitorial	7,197	44,256
Client Transportation	40,970	196,845
Client Child Care	1,019,720	16,578,741
Other Support Services	45,100	112,266
Inventory Furniture	2,227	55,870
Software & Software Updates	2,489	164,941
	<u>\$ 1,444,385</u>	<u>\$ 20,387,218</u>

A RESOLUTION APPROVING HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

RESOLUTION# #03-26-HAP01

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), by official rules, regulations and notices, has directed local Public Housing Authorities including Central Texas Council of Governments Housing Assistance Program to review and update sections of their local Administrative Plan to reflect issues affecting that specific organization and its smooth and equitable operation.

WHEREAS, after a thorough review involving department staff and other constituents, 26 changes and additions were submitted to the CTCOG Executive Board for their review at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Central Texas Council of Governments, after having reviewed these changes and additions to the local Administrative Plan to make certain all suggested changes were acceptable to each municipality's constituency, has determined that the changes and additions are acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee does hereby approve the changes and additions to the Central Texas Council of Governments Housing Division Administrative Plan, as presented.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of March 2026 by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Commissioner Russell Schneider, President

Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Secretary/Treasurer

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FY27 CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS PROJECT

MEETING DATE: 03/26/2026

AGENDA ITEM: FY27 Central Texas Council of Governments Community Preparedness Project

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

This resolution is for the approval of the FY27 State Homeland Security Program CTCOG Community Preparedness grant funding through the Office of the Governor (OOG) Public Safety Office (PSO). This grant is used towards supplies and equipment to be utilized for volunteer organizations throughout the region that assist first responders in disaster events.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New Issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Jesse Hennage

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total Estimated cost: \$88,100

Source of Funds: Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002

Is this item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does this item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does this item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.?

PROCUREMENT:

ACTION REQUESTED:

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED *(to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FY27 CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COMMUNITY
PREPAREDNESS PROJECT**

RESOLUTION# 03-26-PRS002

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Executive Committee, a Regional Planning Commission designated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, under the provisions of Article 1011mm, V.A.C.S., with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the CTCOG's seven county region that the Community Preparedness Project Grant be operated for the fiscal year 2027; and

WHEREAS, Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CTCOG Executive Committee assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee designates the CTCOG Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

WHEREAS, Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee designates the CTCOG Senior Staff Accountant as the grantee's financial officer. The financial officer is given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee approves submission of the grant application for the Community Preparedness Project Grant to the Office of the Governor.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this the 26th of March, 2026



Commissioner Russell Schneider, President

Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Secretary/Treasurer

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FY26 STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING FUNDS – REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY GRANT PROGRAM

MEETING DATE: 3/26/2026

AGENDA ITEM: FY26 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds - Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant Program

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

This resolution is for the approval of the two-year Regional Peace Officer Training Program. This grant offers in-service training to Texas State Licensed Peace Officers, consisting of Law Enforcement, Jailers, and Telecommunicators. Once the Peace officers have completed their respective academies, they are required to fulfill hourly training obligations within a two year training cycle. CTCOG provides classes throughout the year to assist in completing this requirement. The total amount for the grant is \$212,716 and the period of performance is 9/1/2025 through 8/31/2027.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Jesse Hennage

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: No impact on budget

Source of Funds: **SF-State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund**

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.?

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of resolution

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

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BACK-UP DOUCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED (to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FY26 STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING FUNDS - REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION# 03-26-PRS003

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Executive Committee, a Regional Planning Commission designated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, under the provisions of Article 1011mm, V.A.C.S., with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, is desirous of submitting regional grant applications for the State Criminal Justice Planning Funds - Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant Program FY 2026 funds through the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office. The Central Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the CTCOG's seven county region, that the project below is recommended for funding; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Central Texas Council of Governments finds that all activities and related expenses included in this application will serve to implement the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Peace Officer Training Program; agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the CTCOG assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used only for the purposes for which they are provided. The CTCOG designates Jim Reed, Executive Director, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below project has been recommended for funding:

Agency	Project Title	Recommended Funding
CTCOG	FY26 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant Program	\$212,716

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this the 26th day of March 2026.

Commissioner Russell Schneider, President

Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Secretary/Treasurer

ACTION ITEM

03-26-PRS001

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING
APRIL 2026 AS
DISTRACTED DRIVING
AWARENESS MONTH IN THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGION**

CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



MEETING DATE: 3/26/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Proclamation Declaring April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

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THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New Issue, Project, or Purchase
- Routine, Regularly Scheduled Item
- Follow-up to a Previously Discussed Item
- Special Item Request by Board Member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Callie Tullos

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total Estimated Cost: \$0

Source of Funds: N/A

Is Item Already Included in Fiscal Year Budget? Yes No

Does Item Represent a New Expenditure? Yes No

Does Item Represent a Pass-through Purchase? Yes No

If so, For What City/County/etc.? Click or tap here to enter text.

PROCUREMENT:

Click or tap here to enter text.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Proclamation

BACK-UP DOCUMENT ATTACHED:

Proclamation#03-2026-PRS001

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED: (to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting)

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PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2026 AS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGION

PROCLAMATION # 03-26-PRS001

WHEREAS; the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS; the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS; the Central Texas Council of Governments administers the work of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPPO) and the Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group; and supports the planning efforts of the Hill Country Transit District and Central Texas Rural Transit District, which all address transportation issues across the Central Texas region, and

WHEREAS; the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has declared the month of April 2026 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS; distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, adjusting the entertainment or navigation system; and

WHEREAS; more than 3,275 deaths and an estimated 324,819 injuries were caused by distracted driving nationwide in 2023; and

WHEREAS; in 2024 alone, KTMPPO region experienced 397 crashes attributed to distracted driving, resulting in four fatalities and ten serious injuries, with the most affected demographic being males between the ages of 16 and 35; and

WHEREAS; you cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention and any non-driving activity is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing; and

WHEREAS; since September 1, 2017 it has been illegal to read, write, or send a text while driving in Texas, with fines of up to \$200 for violators; and

WHEREAS; the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Central Texas Council of Governments are fully committed to ending all traffic related deaths on Texas roads and urges all motorists to put down their phones and focus solely on the task of driving while operating a vehicle for their safety and the safety of those around them.

BE IT RESOLVED that CTCOG and KTMPPO will continue to expand Distracted Driving education and awareness efforts for all drivers across the region, and that agencies and community representatives are encouraged to partner with us in promoting year-round public education, outreach, and engagement strategies throughout 2026—specifically targeting males ages 16–35, who experience the highest number of traffic fatalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the Month of April 2026 be declared as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2026, by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Commissioner Russell Schneider, President

Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Secretary/Treasurer

ACTION ITEM

03-26-PRS004

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING CENTRAL
TEXAS COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL
MASS NOTIFICATION
SYSTEM**

CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



MEETING DATE: 03/26/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Mass Notification System

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

This resolution is for the approval to change our mass notification system from Onsolve CodeRed to Everbridge. The CTCOG Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) has been discussing a potential change for over a year, over the last few months they have participated in demos from multiple vendors. The HSAC selected Everbridge as the new vendor based off reputation, previous experiences, and that it is who the State of Texas is currently using. The Homeland Security Advisory Committee recommends to the CTCOG Executive Committee to consider entering into a contract with Everbridge and not renewing the contract with CodeRed ending August 31, 2026.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New Issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Jesse Hennage

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total Estimated cost: \$101,100 Annually

Source of Funds: Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002

Is this item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does this item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does this item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.?

PROCUREMENT:

ACTION REQUESTED:

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED *(to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

PROCLAMATION # 03-26-PRS004

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Executive Committee, a Regional Planning Commission designated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, under the provisions of Article 1011mm, V.A.C.S., with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the CTCOG's seven county region that the vendor for the regional mass notification system is changed and to be operated for the fiscal year 2027 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee designates the CTCOG Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the signature authority to execute, alter, or terminate the contract on behalf of the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee approves entering into a contract with Everbridge Mass Notification System.


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